



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2020**

**Meeting Held Electronically**

**PRESENT:** Vice-Chair Denise Pulk; Commissioners Marie Monroe, Mike Ragole, Joel Stempil and Steve Ziomek

**ABSENT:** Chairperson Pete Palmer

**STAFF:** Kelly Corsette, Communications/Public Affairs Director

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

Vice-Chair Pulk called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Discussion and possible action to approve October 7, 2020 meeting minutes**

COMMISSIONER RAGOLE MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 7, 2020 VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER ZIOMEK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. VICE-CHAIR PULK, COMMISSIONERS MONROE, RAGOLE, STEMPIL, AND ZIOMEK VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**3. Discussion and possible direction regarding the draft 2020 Veterans Advisory Commission Annual Report**

Mr. Corsette reviewed the draft 2020 Veterans Advisory Commission Annual Report. In addition to the standard information, the report includes an annotated version of the Commission's work plan that includes information on activities that have been done related to work plan items or other status reports. The report also includes the veteran demographics report and results of the annual Valley-wide homeless count.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments. Mr. Corsette said that approximately 50 submissions were received on the link made available for veterans to

submit information about local veterans. The site is intended to be used to celebrate the veterans, not as a data collecting tool.

Mr. Corsette announced that the virtual Veterans' Day celebration will begin at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2020. The program includes approximately an hour-and-a-half of content, including a presentation by Joan Fudala.

Commissioner Stempil expressed interest in developing a program that offers financial education to veterans. Brief discussion ensued regarding where an education program could be included in the work plan. Commissioner Ziomek noted that education programs are listed as work in progress on page 5, section 2 of the work plan.

Mr. Corsette said that City Council is scheduled to make Commission nominations on November 10th and appointments on December 1, 2020.

#### **4. Commission members' reports, updates and suggestions for future agenda items**

Future agenda items will include:

- Discussion about veterans' financial education program.
- Discussion on developing criteria for website updates.
- Review and approval of the draft annual report.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2020.

#### **5. Adjournment**

COMMISSIONER ZIOMEK MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER RAGOLE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). VICE-CHAIR PULK, COMMISSIONERS MONROE, RAGOLE, STEMPIL, AND ZIOMEK VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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